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Applicant: Karl Van Blankenburg et al
Serial Number: 09/923,694
Filing Date: August 7, 2001
Examiner/Art Group Unit: Hau Van Phan/3618
Title: GOALIE SKATE PROTECTIVE SHELL
WITH REMOVABLE BLADE

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REQUEST FOR DRAWING CHANGE APPROVAL

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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The Examiner's approval of the proposed drawing changes indicated on the attached sheet is requested. Such changes, shown in red, are to correct minor errors appearing in the drawing and to provide consistency between the drawing and the written specification. Such changes do not introduce new subject matter into the application.

The changes are as follows:

In Fig. 1, reference numeral 32, pointing to the central portion of the shell 12 has been changed to reference numeral 31 in response to the objection to the drawings raised by the Examiner in the Office Action dated November 6, 2002.

In Fig. 2, the solid lines defining circles adjacent the lateral supports 86 and 88 are placed with dashed lines. The circles represent the apertures 90 which are not in view when the blade 14 is received in the blade holder portion 32. This proposed change makes Fig. 2 consistent with Figs. 1 and 3.

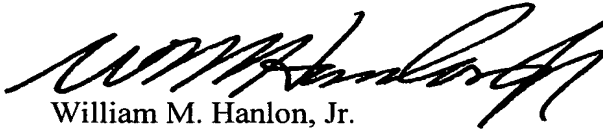
Fig. 3, the dashed lines generally defining circles adjacent the toe leg 78 and heel leg 82 (legs 78 and 82 are best shown in Fig. 4) are replaced with solid lines. This proposed change makes Fig. 3 consistent with Fig. 1. Also, dashed lines defining circles have been added corresponding to the position of apertures 90 in the

lateral supports 86 and 88. This change makes Fig. 3 consistent with Figs. 1 and 2.

Accordingly, approval of the proposed change(s) is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Transmitted with this document is a Postcard, Communication, Request for Drawing Change Approval, three (3) sheets of redlined drawings, and a Declaration from the Inventor Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.132 in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.

X Please charge any deficiency or credit any excess in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account Number 25-0115.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 6, 2003.

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